

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 28, 2008, the Examiner required election of a single species from the following: Species A – Figure 4, Species B – Figure 5, Species C – Figure 6, Species D – Figure 7, Species E – Figures 8A and 8B, or Species F – Figure 9. In response, the applicants elect Species E, the embodiment of Figures 8A and 8B, without traverse. Based on applicants' review, claims 5, 6, 11, 16, 23, 34 and 44 are specifically directed to Species E, and claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19-21, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37-39 and 40-43 are generic or also read on Species E and at least one other species. As such, the applicants request examination of claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-11, 14-16, 19-21, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32-34, 37-39 and 41-44. The foregoing election is made with the understanding that the Examiner and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are now bound to the finding of non-obviousness between each of the species.

Claims 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 28, 31, 35, 36, 40, 45 and 46 have been withdrawn without prejudice to consideration of these claims upon allowance of a generic claim. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 26, 29, and 37 appear to be generic. Upon allowance of the generic claims, applicants request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims. Additionally, although no fees are believed due with this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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